TB		BCG Vaccine
Measles	Pertusis, Tetanus	Live Attenuated Vaccine
Diptheria,		Trivalent Vaccine (DPT)
Polio		Live Attenuated Vaccine

(e) National Immunisation Programme to carry out vaccination against Diseases like Tuberculosis, polio, Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and measles etc. is already in operation.

Prices of AIDS medicines

672. SHRIVIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether four Indian pharmaceutical companies have agreed to slash the prices of aids drugs and tests;

(b) if so, whether Government would evolve suitable modalities to ensure that the benefit of reduction in prices actually go to the consumers; and

(c) whether Government are launching any national scheme whereby AIDS drugs will be distributed free in areas where the vulnerability of this desease is comparatively more, like North East State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No. We are not aware of any such lowering of prices by the pharmaceutical companies.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Govt, of India has launched the ART programme in the country from the year 2004 where ARV drugs are provided free to eligible patients. At present there are 52 ART centers supported by Government of India and providing free Antiretroviral treatment to 23, 784 patients. Out of these North-Eastern States have five ART centrers providing free treatment to 1614 patients.

Survey for ascertaining cancer among children

† 673. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that fifty thousand children die of cancer annually in the country and seventy thousand children become victim of cancer every year;

(b) whether Government have conducted a survey in this regard to ascertain the names of Districts and States where children are suffering from cancer;

(c) whether Government have made arrangements for free treatment of cancer affected children in Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details of such Government hospitals, District-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) there are about 58,400 new cancers in children below 15 years of age based on Population Based Cancer Registry. There were estimated 24,300 deaths in children below 15 years of age in the year 1999-2000.

(b) National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR has two types of registry—

(1) Population based cancer registry

(2) Hospital based cancer registry

Recently Cancer Atlas Project has also been carried out. These activities have provided data about cancer patients and related aspects in the country. The data includes children cancers also. However, data is available only for the sites of registry.

(c) and (d) The treatment in the Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized. The details of the Radiotherapy facilities, State-wise is enclosed as statement-l.

Statement

State-wise Distribution of Radiotherapy Installations as on September 20, 2005

States	No. of Centres	Co	Cs	Linac	LDR	HDR	Cav.	Int. stitial	No Br. Cent.
Andhra Pradesh	26	22	0	5	2	11	12	5	19
Assam	6	8	0	1	2	1	0	0	2
Bihar	5	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Delhi	13	17	0	10	2	6	2	2	7
Goa	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gujarat	8	10	1	6		5	2	2	5
Haryana	4	8	0	4		3	2	1	2
Himachal Pradesh	1	2	0	0		0	1	0	1
Jammu and Kashmir	3	5	0	1		0	0	0	1
Karnataka	16	26	1	5		4	10	6	12
Kerala	10	16	1	6	2	5	4	1	6
Madhya Pradesh	12	17	0	0	2	5	1	1	7
Maharashtra	29	34	0	10	7	13	14	2	26
Mizoram	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	—

Orissa	5	7	0	1	1	1	1	0	3
Pondicherry	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Punjab	7	6	0	2	1	3	1	1	5
Rajasthan	7	10	0	1	1	3	2	1	5
Tamil Nadu	28	28	0	15	5	8	16	5	22
Uttar Pradesh	14	21	0	3	5	6	3	0	6
West Bengal	12	15	5	4	1	4	3	1	5
TOTAL	210	263	8	74	37	82	76	28	139